

IC2. ANIMAL HANDLING AREAS

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

A BMP is a technique, measure or structural control that is used for a given set of conditions to improve the quality of the stormwater runoff in a cost effective manner¹. The minimum required BMPs for this activity are outlined in the box to the right. Implementation of pollution prevention/good housekeeping measures may reduce or eliminate the need to implement other more costly or complicated procedures. Proper employee training is key to the success of BMP implementation.

The BMPs outlined in this fact sheet target the following pollutants:

Targeted Constituents	
Sediment	x
Nutrients	x
Floatable Materials	x
Metals	
Bacteria	x
Oil & Grease	
Organics & Toxicants	
Pesticides	
Oxygen Demanding	x

MINIMUM BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

- Use dry cleaning methods to clean animal handling areas regularly.
- Properly collect and dispose of water when water is used for cleaning.
- Prevent animals from moving away from controlled areas where BMPs are in use (e.g. fencing, leashing, etc.)
- Clean storm drain inlet(s) on a regular schedule and after large storms.

Stencil storm drains

Training

- Train employees on these BMPs, storm water discharge prohibitions, and wastewater discharge requirements.
- Provide on-going employee training in pollution prevention.

Provided below are specific procedures associated with each of the minimum BMPs along with procedures for additional BMPs that should be considered if this activity takes place at a facility located near a sensitive waterbody. In order to meet the requirements for medium and high priority facilities, the owners/operators must select, install and maintain appropriate BMPs on site. Since the selection of the appropriate BMPs is a site-specific process, the types and numbers of additional BMPs will vary for each facility.

1. **Use dry cleaning methods to clean animal handling areas regularly.**
 - Sweeping animal handling areas is encouraged over other methods.
 - Properly dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other potential contaminants.
2. **If water is used for cleaning:**
 - Do not discharge wash water to storm water drains or other receiving waters.
 - Wash water should be collected and pumped to the sanitary sewer, do not allow wash water to enter storm drains. **DO NOT** discharge wash water to sanitary sewer until contacting the local sewer authority to find out if pretreatment is required.
3. **Keep animals in paved and covered areas, if feasible.**
4. **If keeping animals in covered areas is not feasible, cover the ground with vegetation or some other type of ground cover such as mulch.**
5. **Prevent animals from moving away from controlled areas where BMPs are in use (e.g. fencing, leashing, etc.).**

¹ EPA " Preliminary Data Summary of Urban Stormwater Best Management Practices"

Training

1. **Train employees on these BMPs, storm water discharge prohibitions, and wastewater discharge requirements.**
2. **Train employees on proper spill containment and cleanup.**
 - Establish training that provides employees with the proper tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill.
 - Ensure that employees are familiar with the site's spill control plan and/or proper spill cleanup procedures.
 - BMP IC17 discusses Spill Prevention and Control in detail.
3. **Establish a regular training schedule, train all new employees, and conduct annual refresher training.**
4. **Use a training log or similar method to document training.**

Stencil storm drains

Storm drain system signs act as highly visible source controls that are typically stenciled directly adjacent to storm drain inlets. Stencils should read "No Dumping Drains to Ocean".

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